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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Thomas Cremer et al.

Group Art Unit: 1655

Serial No.: 08/669,229

Examiner: J. Fredman

Filed: June 24, 1996

For: ARRANGEMENT OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES AND ITS USE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This application claims German Convention priority no. DE 43 44 726.0 filed December 27, 1993 and is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/669,229. In advance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

After the title and before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION insert the following:

--This application claims German Convention priority of DE 43 44 726.0 filed December 27, 1993 and is a continuation of application serial no. 08/669,229, the complete disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

**REMARKS**

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to indicate the priority of the present application as well the prior U.S. Applications to which it is related. No new matter is added

Accordingly, entry of this amendment is requested and prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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